

Forces personnel. In demanding an accounting on this 944, the U. N. command did not state, nor did it intend to imply, that it considered all of these 944 to be alive and held against their will by the Communists. Rather, it was an attempt to force the Communists to abide by a provision of the armistice agreement which stated that "each side" would render a "full accounting" of all prisoners of war of whom they had any knowledge.

Despite the fact that the Communists refused to make an accounting, through our own efforts we have accounted for 474 of the personnel on the list presented to the Communists. As to the fate of the 470 remaining missing from the Korean war, we have no evidence that they are still alive or being held by the Communists. However, it is possible that at some date in the future the Communists will admit holding in China additional United States personnel. At this time they admit to holding 11 United States Air Force personnel captured on January 13, 1953, and 2 Department of the Army civilians captured on November 29, 1952. These names are listed in the enclosure.

From time to time reports have been obtained from political prisoners released by the East European satellites and the U. S. S. R. pertaining to other prisoners identified as Americans and occasionally identified by name. Frequently these identifications have been followed by reports of the death of prisoners so identified, but in only one case has there been sufficient evidence to use in demanding the release of personnel. The case is that of Sgt. Walter S. Winters, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., who was apprehended by Czech border guards on June 5 of this year while photographing installations near the Czech border. The strong demarche by the State Department accomplished the release of Sergeant Winters on July 13.

From time to time demands have been made of the Soviets as well as certain of the satellite countries to account for personnel who were missing in the vicinity of these countries and who could possibly have been captured. However, the circumstances surrounding the incidence of the disappearance are such that in all cases the men could have voluntarily absented themselves without leave in the case of ground forces near the border or could have crashed at sea in the cases of the air and naval forces personnel. The efforts of the Department of Defense and State Department have been unceasing, attempting to provide additional evidence concerning the disappearance of these personnel and in demanding an accounting from the country concerned.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. GODEL,
Deputy Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense.

ARNOLD CREW MEMBERS MISSING IN ACTION AS OF JANUARY 13, 1953

Col. John K. Arnold, 1212A, commander, 581st Air Resupply and Communications Wing, DOB, September 24, 1913. (Sentence, 10 years.)

Wife: Mrs. John K. Arnold, 8 National Street, Montgomery, Ala.

Brother: Dr. Robert Arnold, 8709 Sundale Drive, Silver Spring, Md.

Maj. William H. Baumer, AO-783786, instructor pilot, DOB, April 22, 1922. (Sentence, 8 years.)

Mother: Mrs. Mary E. Baumer, 124 St. Anthony Street, Lewisburg, Pa.

Sister: Alice Ion Moore, R. D. No. 1, Box 709A, Centerville Road, Lancaster, Pa.

Capt. Elmer F. Llewellyn, AO-2072360, navigator, DOB, August 19, 1925. (Sentence, 5 years.)

Wife: Mrs. Marjorie G. Llewellyn, 308 South Sixth Street East, Missoula, Mont.

Capt. Eugene J. Vaadi, AO-825068, aircraft commander, DOB, July 1, 1921. (Sentence, 6 years.)

Wife: Mrs. Mary E. Vaadi, Route No. 1, Clayton, N. Y.

1st Lt. John W. Buck, AO-787245, aircraft observer, DOB, February 21, 1919. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Noah A. Buck, Armathwaite, Tenn.

1st Lt. Wallace L. Brown, AO2221928, pilot, DOB, September 21, 1926. (Sentence, 5 years.)

Wife: Mrs. Bobby J. Brown, 304 National Avenue, Montgomery, Ala.

T/Sgt. Howard W. Brown, AF36809947, flight engineer, DOB, December 11, 1922. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, 1712 Conway Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Airman 1st Class Steve E. Kiba, AF15426310, radio operator, DOB, February 5, 1932. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kiba, 659 Robin Street, Akron, Ohio.

Airman 2d Class Harry M. Benjamin, Jr., AF27345828, scanner, DOB, May 15, 1932. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Wife: Mrs. Charlene A. Benjamin, 1124 Sherwood Street, Worthington, Minn.

Airman 2d Class Daniel C. Schmidt, AF19391475, central fire control, gunner, DOB, March 28, 1932. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Wife: Mrs. Una F. Schmidt, 7346 Southeast Harrison Street, Portland, Oreg.

Airman 2d Class John W. Thompson III, AF13351709, scanner, DOB, August 15, 1931. (Sentence, 4 years.)

Parents: Mrs. John W. Thompson, Jr., 146 Caroline Street, Orange, Va.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN COMMUNIST HANDS

John T. Downey.

Parents: Mrs. Mary V. Downey (father deceased), 43 Monroe Street, New Britain, Conn.

Richard G. Fecteau.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Fecteau, 15 Wymann Street, Lynn, Mass.

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AMERICANS HELD AS PRISONERS BY THE COMMUNISTS—LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the body of the RECORD a letter I have received from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in answer to certain inquiries of mine regarding Americans being held as prisoners by the Communists.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, D. C., July 21, 1955.
Hon. WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR KNOWLAND: In reply to your letter of June 25, we have screened our records of personnel missing or captured in order that a complete record can be provided you. The nature of handling of our personnel by the Communists creates many problems in accountability. The evidence is sparse and undependable in most cases.

At the end of the Korean war the North Koreans and the Chinese Communists failed to account for 944 United States Armed